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The goodness she found in each day,
her warmth, her smile, and the little blessings she shared,
will remain in our hearts forever.

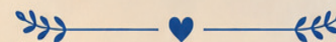


She has returned home
to everlasting peace.



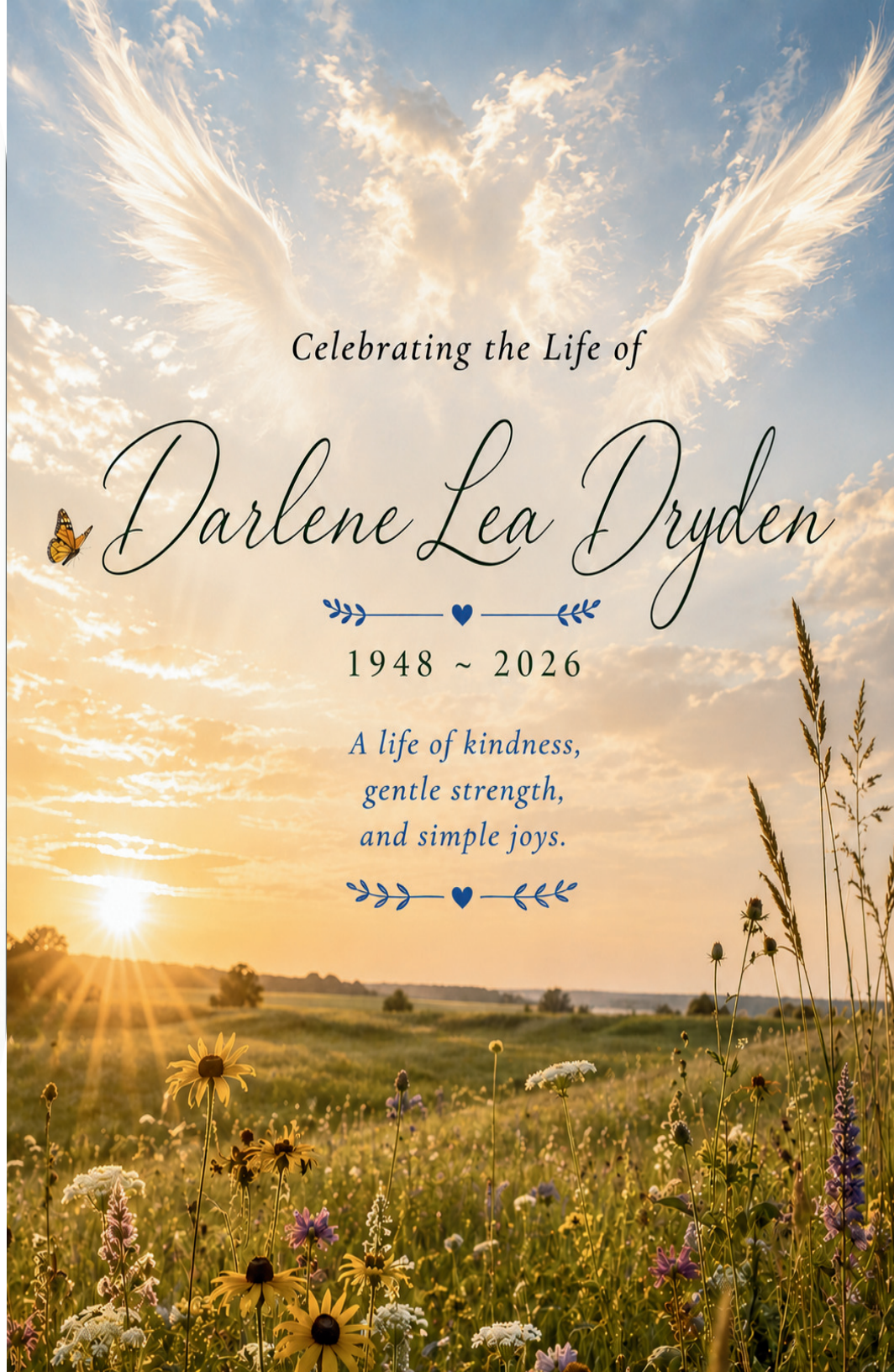
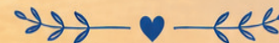
Celebrating the Life of

 *Darlene Lea Dryden*



1948 ~ 2026

*A life of kindness,
gentle strength,
and simple joys.*



Stay Awhile



Darlene delighted in life's simple blessings. She began each day looking for the good in it and sharing that outlook with others. Whether wishing someone a good morning, sharing an uplifting message, or inviting others to slow down over a cup of coffee or a meal, she focused on life's little joys and believed they were always worth celebrating.

She welcomed people with warmth, gentleness, and an authentic smile that made others feel accepted, appreciated, and at ease.



Her artistry expressed itself in beautiful penmanship, thoughtful doodles, and exceptional cooking. Whether preparing a family favorite or adding her own touch to a simple meal, she delighted in noticing and appreciating life's quieter moments—the simple pleasures that reveal themselves if we linger long enough to enjoy them.



Blessed with quick wit and genuine kindness, Darlene had a gift for bringing lightness to everyday moments. She delighted in sharing laughter, words of encouragement, and life's little blessings. Whether through a smile, a humorous saying, or a simple reminder to count our blessings, she gently invited others to slow down and delight in the goodness found in each day.



"Humor diffuses tension."

Family and friends remember her easy laugh, authentic smile, and the quiet peace she felt simply by sitting beside you. She had a way of making people feel at ease, accepted, and free to simply be themselves.

Together Today



Celebration Mass



Procession to
Elmwood Cemetery



Gathering with
Family & Friends
Knights of Columbus Hall

Cherished Family



She is lovingly remembered by her husband, James Dryden, Jewell, KS; her children, Greg Dryden [Sarah Dryden] of Pacific, MO, and his daughter Andrea Dryden; Sherry Benge [Robert Benge] of Homosassa, FL and her sons Cody Marihugh and Trevor Marihugh; and Michele Brummer [Mark Brummer] of Beloit, KS, and her children Corey Clark, Tara Nichols, Britain Payton, Michael Payton, Danielle Payton. Eight grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren affectionately know her as "Meme".